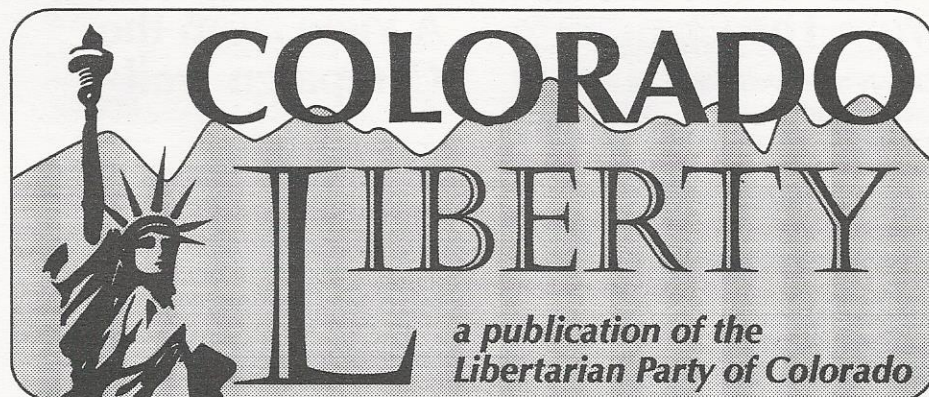


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Open Letter to Governor Owens

by Judd Ptak,
Legislative Director, LPCO

Will Bill Owens be the best friend the Libertarian Party of Colorado ever had? I won't be surprised if that turns out to be the case. But we might not thank him for it.

We will thank him because he supports and signs freedom enhancing legislation. In that case, he and he and his Republican legislators are welcome to the credit as well as thanks. But he might benefit the Libertarian Party because he convinces more Republican and Independent voters that the Republican Party is an empty shell which stands for nothing at all.

My bet is that it will be the latter. Since the essence of Libertarianism is support for both the economic and personal freedom of individuals, there are two ways the Republican Party can drive its supporters into the Libertarian camp. One is when Republicans who were elected on promises to cut taxes and reduce the size of government renege on those promises. The other is when Republicans insist on social legislation which undermines the Bill of Rights, particularly freedom of expression and the separation of Church and State.

With solid control of both Houses of the Colorado Legislature and a Republican in the Governor's Mansion, now is the best opportunity in 24 years for Colorado Republicans to show what they are really about. They can't blame Roy Romer anymore. Whatever the outcome of the next two years, like a quarterback in

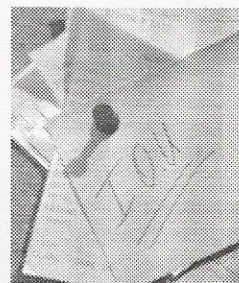
football, the Governor will get more than his share of the credit if things are good, and more than his share of the blame if they are not. If Bill Owens wants his legacy to be one of increased individual freedom for Coloradans, the Libertarian Party of Colorado would like to offer a few Do's and Don'ts.

- 1) DON'T sign any budget that is not at least one penny less than our current budget. You were elected to reduce the size of government. That will not happen by slowing the rate of growth. It will only happen when you cut government spending.
- 2) DO cut taxes. First eliminate at least one tax completely and wipe out the bureaucracy which collects it. The state's Telecommunication Sales tax would be a good choice. But that will not even eliminate the TABOR surplus, so the second action we recommend is to reduce one of the broad-based taxes, the state Income Tax or Sales Tax, by at least enough to wipe out the TABOR surplus. When the economy turns bad, that means you will either have to ask the voters for a tax increase or cut government somewhere, but that is why the people of Colorado approved the TABOR Amendment in the first place.
- 3) DON'T sign a bill banning gay marriage. Marriage ought to be a wholly religious arrangement for those who are religious, and a private contract for those who are not. A ban on gay marriages allows

the government to interfere with the right of contract which it is supposed to protect for the latter, and to pass judgment on the legitimacy of churches for the former. Anyone who takes either their faith, or their lack of faith, seriously ought to oppose any legislation which would allow the government to judge what is or is not a church, even by implication.

- 4) DO deliver on your promise of improving transportation in Colorado. But not on the backs of

the taxpayers of Colorado or with a questionable end-run around the Constitutional debt limit for the state. Deliver better transportation by selling or



leasing the necessary right-of-way for those improvements to private companies, who could use them for High Occupancy/Toll Lanes (possibly with a gas tax voucher for every vehicle who uses them to pay part of the costs), a monorail, mag-lev train, even trolley cars. Let them use them for whatever type of transit they think Coloradans will support, but make them pay for it.

- 5) DON'T sign a budget that has a single cent for implementation of the National ID card. Make a stand in favor of individual rights by

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From The Chair

It's only been a couple of months since we gathered at the Oddfellows Hall in Boulder and prayed that the people of Colorado would finally see the light and elect Libertarians to office. Sometimes we get so caught up in the campaign we lose site of reality. It's like buying a 27 million dollar lottery ticket and dreaming about how you will spend the money. When we don't win, it's really disappointing and we are angry for having wasted our money. The reality is, we didn't lay the groundwork for winning campaigns. We did extremely well for starting with nothing in July. Imagine what we could do if we had two years to win an office.

There are two kinds of campaigns. We need and appreciate Line Holder candidates because they are essential to the growth of the Party. The Line Holder (or Informational candidate) does not intend to **win** his race. His duty is to educate people on the principles of the Libertarian Party and **register new voters!**

Although it can be very tempting, it is not wise to start out as a Line Holder and then decide two months before the election that you want to win. Unfortunately, by then, it's too late, unless you have thousands of dollars to buy media coverage. It is difficult not to get caught up in the election hype and the Line Holder who isn't disappointed by the numbers is rare. It takes a very special person to be a Line Holder. If you think you might have what it takes to be a Line Holder candidate please call Warren Kruse at 303-433-4604.

The second type of candidate is the Serious candidate. The candidate who knows which office he will be running for next year or the year after. The candidate who is getting his campaign materials and team together now for an election in the year 2000. The candidate who wants to **win** and is willing to give it everything he has. This type of candidate is as rare and highly prized as the Line Holder.

The Libertarian Party is looking for quality candidates for winnable council races in 99 and legislative offices in 2000.

Our Mentor Program will include support from experienced candidates who will attend events with you and

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A View From the Campaign Trail

By Wayne White

September (cont'd)

On September 18, I received a questionnaire from the Rocky Mountain News. The "questionnaire" contained one question, and said that I must limit my answer to four sentences. I telephone State Editor Steve Krizman, who signed the cover letter, and ask him if the News sent the same questionnaire to my Republican and Democratic opponents. He says "no" and explains that their newspaper has limited space and doesn't believe that its worth covering the campaigns of third party candidates "who will only receive a couple of hundred votes." I ask him if I should send them a candidate photo with my answer to the questionnaire, and he says that they will not be publishing the pictures of third party candidates. I complain briefly, but decide that its not worth arguing about, and the conversation is short.

In mid-September, my campaign manager and I attend a "campaign college" sponsored by the *Boulder Daily Camera*. At the event, we learn that the *Camera* will provide full coverage of third party campaigns and will even interview us for endorsements. Boulder County has one of the highest per-capita Libertarian registrations in the state, so perhaps that explains in part their open-minded approach to the election.

On Saturday, September 26, I receive a post card in the mail inviting me to a debate between the Republican and Democratic candidates for Attorney General. The event is sponsored by various minority bar associations. I have not been invited to participate in the debate, and have only received the invitation because I am on the mailing list for the Gay and Lesbian Bar Association. On Monday, September 28, I arrive at the debate just before it is scheduled to begin. Michael, a friend and I all walk in carrying campaign signs with rainbow stickers, making quite an entrance in front of approximately 150 people. Democratic Candidate Ken Salazar sees the signs, walks up to me, and asks if I am Wayne White. I answer "yes," and say that as the only openly-

gay candidate for statewide office, I believe that it is important to be there. Salazar asks if I am on the ballot, and walks away. I am completely astounded that he doesn't even know, two months after the beginning of the campaign, who is on the ballot.

I take notes during the debate, and at the end I ask the candidates from the floor what their position is on same-sex marriage. John Suthers identifies me to the audience as the Libertarian candidate, and says that in large part gays and lesbians can obtain legal protections similar to marriage through contracts. Surprisingly, Ken Salazar says that he opposes same-sex marriage "because it is contrary to the established traditions of Colorado." Salazar seems completely unprepared for the question, and uncomfortable with the topic. Later in the campaign, I am again astounded to find that Salazar has told Equality Colorado that he supports same-sex marriage.

Sometime in late September, I receive a telephone message from Rich Laden, a reporter from the *Colorado Springs Gazette*. We play phone tag for several days, and Laden finally reaches me at home at approximately 7:00 p.m. Laden, in my opinion, is extremely rude and repeatedly cuts me off in mid sentence. He asks me about the various qualifications listed on the answers to my questionnaire, and seems to be looking for reasons to minimize my qualifications.

October

On Sunday October 4, the *Gazette* runs an article on the Attorney General's race, written by Rich Laden. The article is four full-length columns, but does not mention me at all in the text of the article. A sidebar includes my biography, but eliminates mention of my Certificate in Government Contracts from UCLA, a two-year program of instruction. The article also doesn't mention that the Attorney General's office reviews contracts for all state agencies.

On October 9, the *Denver Post* runs an article on the Attorney General's race. The article includes several paragraphs on my candidacy at the end of the article, and a biographical sidebar. The sidebar eliminates mention of my Certificate in Government Contracts, my participation in the Mars Society, and my

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Calendar

February, 1999

- 2/1 - Mon - **Board of Directors** - First Monday - 7:00pm - Party Office, 720 E 18th Ave #309, Denver, Co. All members welcome. Public comment 6:45pm and 9:00pm.
- 2/2 - Tue - **Larimer County Activist breakfast** - First Tuesday - 7am - Joe's Fireside Cafe, 238 S. College Ave., Fort Collins. Contact: Lee Smith (970) 635-0395.
- 2/2 - Tue - **Boulder Activists Lunch** - noon - Turley's - 2350 Arapahoe Ave, call Ken Kirkmeyer, 303-774-0775.
- 2/4 - Thu. - **Libertarian Community of Jefferson County** - 1st Thursday - 6:00pm, Tom Goonan's home: 12895 W. 16th Drive, Golden, CO 80401, snack and conversation at 6:00pm, call Tom Goonan, (303) 278-1698
- 2/6 - Sat - **Denver Breakfast Group** - 8:00am - LePeep, Mexico and Colorado Blvd, Denver, call David Aitken, 303-831-4334, e-mail.
- 2/9 - Tue - **Boulder Activists Lunch** - noon - Turley's - 2350 Arapahoe Ave, call Ken Kirkmeyer, 303-774-0775.
- 2/10 - Wed - **Boulder LP Board Meeting** - 2nd Wednesday - 6:30pm - Trillian's, 30th and Arapahoe, call Ken Kirkmeyer, 303-774-0775.
- 2/13 - Sat - **Denver Breakfast Group** - 8:00am - LePeep, Mexico and Colorado Blvd, Denver, call David Aitken, 303-831-4334, e-mail.
- 2/15 - Mon - **Ft. Collins Activists** - 3rd Monday - 7:00pm - China Dragon, 1401 W. Elizabeth, Fort Collins. Contact Dan Cochran (970) 667-7557.
- 2/16 - Tue - **Boulder Activists Lunch** - noon - Turley's - 2350 Arapahoe Ave, call Ken Kirkmeyer, 303-774-0775.
- 2/20 - Sat - **Denver Breakfast Group** - 8:00am - LePeep, Mexico and Colorado Blvd, Denver, call David Aitken, 303-831-4334, e-mail.

- 2/23 - Tue - **Boulder Activists Lunch** - noon - Turley's - 2350 Arapahoe Ave, call Ken Kirkmeyer, 303-774-0775.
- 2/27 - Sat - **Denver Breakfast Group** - 8:00am - LePeep, Mexico and Colorado Blvd, Denver, call David Aitken, 303-831-4334, e-mail.

April, 1999

- 4/23-25 - F/Su - **LP of Colorado Annual Convention** - Sheraton Denver West Hotel, 360 Union Blvd, Lakewood, Co. Features Nathaniel Branden and Dr. Mary Ruwart.

November, 1999

- 11/13-14 - S/S - **Success 99** - How to run successful campaigns and how to build your local organization. Featuring National Director Steve Dasbach, Political Director Ron Crickenberger, Communications Director Bill Winter. Also Michael Cloud, Barbara Goushaw, and Jim Lark. \$79 per person. Call the Balcom Group at 202-234-3880.

Kudos

- Kudos to Deb Bishop and Doug Anderson for making sure lots of Libertarians showed up for the Independence Institute Founders dinner.

Open Letter to Owens
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working with the Legislature to overturn this monstrosity.

- 6) DO support and sign legislation which would reaffirm the right and duty of juries to vote their conscience in any case on which they sit. This would protect a multitude of other rights, which have been consistently threatened, if not eliminated, by government. No, it would not lead to anarchy, unless you think that the states which currently have such language in their Constitutions are anarchic, or that the 19th Century United States of America, where instructions to juries to vote their conscience were routine, was anarchic.

These points are by no means exhaustive. We would really hope that before you support or sign any bill,

you simply ask yourself this question: "Will this bill increase or decrease individual freedom for Coloradans?" If the answer is "Yes," sign it. If it is "No," get out your veto pen.

Join Our Hot List!

A new hotlist has been set up. Since the previous list was not recoverable, we request that you go to our website at <http://www.pageplus.com/~lpcolorado> and sign up again. We regret any inconvenience this may cause.

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position as Chair of the Denver Bid Committee for the National Space Society annual conference for the year 2002. Although these qualifications are omitted, the sidebar leaves approximately 1 inch of blank space below my biography.

On October 13, I participate in a debate with my Democratic and Republican opponents at CU Colorado Springs. I am nervous before the debate, but all of my responses are well received by the audience of approximately 150 people. At one point John Suthers and I get quite a laugh. Each candidate is offered the opportunity to ask another candidate a question, and John Suthers asks Ken Salazar, "What was the worst decision you ever made?" That gets a big laugh. Ken hems and haws his way through his answer. I then say "In the words of the famous Republican and Democratic politicians, Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton, I have absolutely no recollection (pause for laughter) of ever having made a bad decision." Ken Salazar says later in the debate that I don't have a chance of winning the election, and that the contest is really between he and John Suthers. I breeze right by Salazar's cheap shot.

At the end of the debate, a prominent newspaperman from Colorado Springs approaches me in the hall and says, "I'm not speaking for my newspaper, but in my personal opinion, you won that debate." At least 10 other people come up to me and say the same thing. The cameraman for the local NBC news affiliate asks me for an interview. A woman from the *Gazette* comes up and says that she is the newly-assigned political reporter, and that the *Gazette* wants to do another article on my campaign. She asks for my card. This is quite a change from the disdainful, insulting treatment that I have received from the media in the past.

On October 14, Scott Thomsen of the *Colorado Springs Gazette* writes an article about the debate that discusses my views paragraph by paragraph with the views of the other candidates. That article and the coverage of the *Boulder Daily Camera* will turn out to be the only balanced, fair coverage of my entire campaign.

In late September, I had learned by e-mail of a candidate forum at the

BMH-BJ Congregation in Denver. For the next few weeks I left telephone messages for both of the sponsoring organizations, the Allied Jewish Federation and the National Council of Jewish Women, to see if I could participate. I received no response to my first three messages, and finally I left a message saying "I don't care if you don't let me participate, but please just call and let me know whether I need to keep this event on my calendar." A few days later I received a telephone message saying that they were consulting their attorney, but they didn't think that I could participate. The Libertarian candidate for State Treasurer, David Bryant, had in the meantime received a written invitation to participate in the event. Finally, I received a telephone message that the sponsors' attorney said that I could not participate "because of guidelines that could not be amended." The woman leaving the message told me to call her "when I could provide evidence of a public poll showing that I had the support of 20% of the electorate."

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On October 14, I attended a political rally in Loveland sponsored by the League of Women Voters. It was the largest event that I attended during my campaign, with 47 candidates speaking. However, I was exhausted that night and left my office in a rush without taking time to think about a speech. I ended up giving what I considered a lackluster speech, and the applause was modest. However, the event was memorable in one respect: I realized how many people I had come to know during the campaign, and I felt that I had gained their respect. Virtually all of the federal and state candidates knew me by this time, and almost without exception I was happy to know them. I developed great respect for my Republican opponent

John Suthers, and I told him that I hoped we would remain friendly after the election. He assured me that we would.

While Mr. Suthers was, without exception, honest and straightforward with the voters on every occasion on which I saw him speak, I could not say the same about Ken Salazar. Mr. Salazar slanted his speeches to suit the particular audience that he was speaking to, and frequently portrayed himself as a farm boy from the San Luis Valley. Around this time, Mr. Salazar's campaign started airing television ads with him in a cowboy hat, sitting with family members next to bales of hay. The ad made me particularly angry, as it said nothing about his ownership interests in three radio stations, nor did it mention that he worked in a prominent law firm in Denver prior to his campaign. Mr. Salazar was decidedly unfriendly to me during the campaign, probably speaking no more than five or six sentences to me. Mr. Salazar does appear to be a quiet man, so I may be criticizing him unfairly. However, I can't help but think that he resents my candidacy, and that he thinks I will take more votes from him than from Mr. Suthers, which is probably true.

On October 15, I attended the BMH-BJ candidate forum, assuming that they would have the same policy as virtually every other organization in Colorado: although third party candidates cannot participate in the debate, they are welcome to put their campaign literature out on a table, bring campaign signs, and answer voters' questions prior to and after the debates. When I arrived, I learned that Ms. Joy Hoffman, one of the co-signors of Mr. Bryant's invitation letter, had rescinded his invitation, and directed third party candidates to place their campaign materials on the floor. Major party candidates had their materials on tables, and plenty of space was available for additional tables. Some tables were left empty.

All of the Libertarian candidates were angry. The only member of the media present was the editor of the *Colorado Statesman*, who interviewed us about the incident, and promised to cover it in her newspaper. I vented my anger to a rep. of one of the sponsors in the hall, who insisted that their attorney had advised them that they shouldn't allow us to have tables to display our materials. At the end of

the Attorney General debates, I asked the candidates from the floor, "Would you encourage the sponsors of this event to include third party candidates in these debates in the future, or do you believe that our views aren't worth considering?" John Suthers said that our ideas were worthwhile, but he could understand why the sponsors didn't have time to include third party candidates in the debates. However, he added, "I do think that they should have given you a table." Ken Salazar agreed.

The Libertarian party later issued a press release complaining about the treatment of its candidates at the event, and as promised, the *Colorado Statesman* covered the incident with extensive quotes from the Libertarian candidate for U.S. Senate, David Segal, who is a former Israeli Army officer. How ironic that these Jewish organizations chose to exclude the Libertarian party from their event, when the Libertarian party is probably the party which is most accepting of people from all backgrounds. And, in fact, one of the Libertarian candidates whom they excluded was gay, and another was Jewish.

On October 17, I attended the Colorado Union of Taxpayers annual breakfast. I began my speech by saying "Some people think that gays and lesbians are a threat to the family, but I don't agree. However, I do think that high taxes are the biggest threat to the family, because in most families, both parents have to work to support their children. As a result, children spend large amounts of time unsupervised." I think I received about three claps at the end of my speech. As I sat down and surveyed the room, it became apparent that the candidates in attendance were almost entirely right-wing conservatives. If I ever run for office again, that is one organization that I will avoid.

On my way out of the breakfast, I stopped to talk to a Republican state house representative who used to be state chairman of the Colorado Libertarian Party (many people don't know that former Attorney General Gale Norton is also a former chair of the Colorado Libertarian Party). I asked this state house representative if he thought Libertarian vote totals might go up in this election. "I've been hearing a lot of buzz during this election," I said. "The word Libertarian just seems to be cropping up an

awful lot in letters to the editor and in the news media in general." "No," the house rep said, "I don't think that Libertarians are going to do any better this year." He quickly walked away, and it seemed apparent that he didn't want to be seen talking to me. I later heard that the same house representative had called two Libertarian state house candidates and asked them to "back off" because they were hurting Republicans' chances of being elected.

On October 21, I attended the final candidate forum to which I had been invited. I criticized Ken Salazar at the end of my speech, complaining about his misleading television commercials, and saying that Mr. Salazar had been appointed to every public office that he had ever held, that he was a political insider and a wealthy man, and that he had no business portraying himself as a "man of the people." "Libertarians don't have much money," I said, "but if you elect a Libertarian, you can be assured that that person will not be pressured by his party to make decisions, and he will not be pressured by wealthy campaign contributors or special interests. I urge you to vote Libertarian, and I urge you to vote for me, Wayne White, the Libertarian candidate for Attorney General."

It has been a long campaign, and I'm glad that it's drawing to a close. I hope for vote totals which are significant for a Libertarian, and I hope that my ideas have made a difference. I also hope that the media and interested organizations will take Libertarians more seriously in the next election. At the very least, they do their readers, viewers, and members a disservice by suppressing new and innovative ideas, and by not informing them of their choices on election day.

Epilog

On October 31, 1998 I faxed copies of the preceding article to most of the major newspapers in Colorado, including the *Denver Rocky Mountain News* and the *Denver Post*. The following Monday, I faxed the article to two other newspapers: *The Colorado Springs Gazette* and the *Grand Junction Daily Sentinel*. I don't know whether any of those newspapers ever published the article.

On November 3rd, my Republican and Democratic opponents ran neck and neck all evening, with Ken Salazar

leading John Suthers by a small margin. On November 5th, with all precincts counted, Ken Salazar won the race with 636,258 votes (50%), John Suthers received 603,138 votes (47.4%) and I received 32,822 votes (2.6%) (per Associated Press). The *Denver Rocky Mountain News* ran an article the same day which began with the sentence "A farm boy from the San Luis Valley awoke Wednesday morning as Colorado's first Hispanic elected to a statewide office," mirroring the language in my article. The News article also said that "Suthers got 47 percent, and Libertarian Party candidate Wayne White got 3 percent." It was the first and only time that the News even printed my name in an article about the Attorney General's race. Perhaps my article did some good after all.

A breakdown of votes by county indicates that I probably did receive some gay votes in counties which traditionally vote Democratic. Apparently many members of the Libertarian Party were unhappy with my position favoring inclusion of sexual orientation in Colorado's hate crimes law. I am reserving judgment until I hear the best arguments on both sides of the issue.

Wayne White was the Libertarian candidate for Colorado Attorney General in last year's election

Graphic Arts Skills Needed

by Tom Goonan

At a post-election debriefing, the Board and the candidates identified a need for someone with graphic arts skills. Apparently, we are pretty good at text, being loquacious to a fault, but we are not very good at organizing brochures and presentation of text to a reader.

Also, we are thinking of putting together a comic book version of libertarian themes for our web site. The character captions can have key words hypertext-linked to more in-depth articles for those interested.

We have writers willing to prepare the screenplays, but we need someone with graphic arts skills to draw characters. Are you that person? If so, please call Michele Bethke at 303-639-5530 or Warren Kruse at 303-433-4604.

Letters

Editor:

The notice in the December 1998 LP News prompts me to report that I was elected on August 10, 1998, for a one year term, to be what is officially known as the "Chair" of the Gold Hill Town Meeting, Inc.

Unofficially, I am called Mayor. The main perk of being the "Chair" of the GHTM, Inc. is to be called the Mayor. This is my third year of elected office. The first year I was Treasurer and the second year I was Secretary.

Gold Hill is a town, platted in 1859, in rural, unincorporated Boulder County, Colorado. The GHTM, Inc. is our local government that extends outside the town for about a mile in all directions. The GHTM, Inc is a legal entity that owns land (a meadow and a cemetery), has to file yearly to avoid paying taxes on the land, but has no taxing authority. We earn enough at a yearly bake sale to pay for the filing fee to avoid taxes on the land, insurance on the land, and the newsletter.

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The GHTM, Inc. provides no "services," but we do serve as a focal point for local concerns and for an interface to the county government. Our local concerns are: 1). Keeping the Gold Hill School open. This is an old style one-room public school for grades K to 6 that has been in continuous operation the longest in Colorado. Our school district has threatened to shut it down because it is more cost efficient to bus all the kids down to Boulder. 2) Weed management. The county (with the authority of a state law) wants to kill a noxious weed called Leafy Spurge with a chemical spray. Many people are concerned that this chemical will

affect the water supply. We are gearing up to kill these weeds with other methods, like goats, bugs, and weed pulling. 3) Inappropriate development. A 700 acre parcel adjoining the town of Gold Hill has recently been put up for sale and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), which has land all around here, has been ordered to divest itself of its land in NE Colorado. People are concerned that a developer will acquire these lands and build 1/2 million dollar homes near our historic town of Gold Hill.

Even though my Libertarian opinion on all these issues differs considerably from the vast majority of the community, my job is to run a fair, tight meeting allowing everyone to have their say. I don't preach or give orders, but instead, give guidance in the form of asking questions.

*Sincerely,
Howard Lambert*

Libertarians:

I have been busy with post election office re-organization, so this letter is a bit late. I hate to be the clean-out-the-non-supporters kind of Sheriff, but there are a few LP members in my department who stood by me and I am now listening to them regarding the operations and staffing of the office.

It is hard being a Libertarian and a long time office holder. I want to stand by my staff and give them the pay raises they need to live in a high-priced ski area. I want to make sure they have time off to enjoy their families. But I want to spend less and try to cut back on services to make the public responsible for their own safety and protection. Sometimes it's a difficult balancing act.

Some goals for 1999:

1. Less patrol and more CCW classes and Firearm safety classes for women (and men) on the Sheriffs' office range using our firearms instructors.
2. Fewer traffic tickets and more use of the radar advisory speed control sign ("Your Speed is XX".)
3. Excellence in investigations of crime against people and property.
4. Send every homeowner who has an alarm system and a private security "runner" service a thank

you note and \$10 check from the county.

5. Continue upholding the law while still speaking out against the war on drugs.

What do you think?

*Bill Masters,
Sheriff, San Miguel County*

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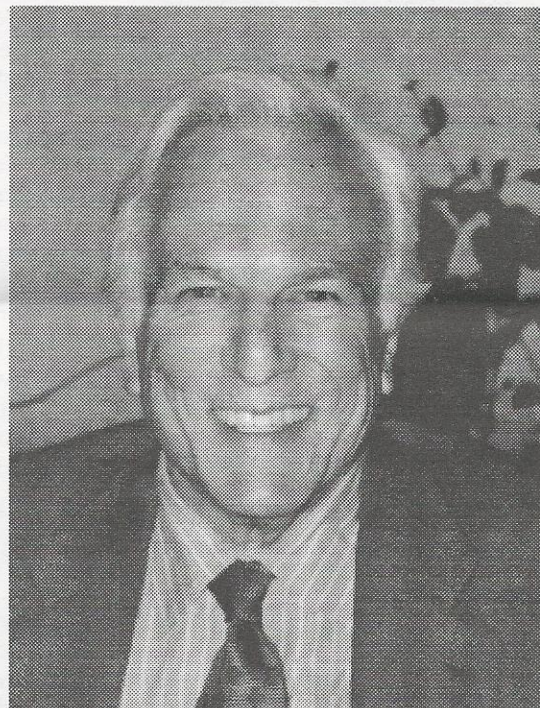
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From The Chair

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guide you through the campaign. We will help you with strategy and funds if you are interested in seeking office.

Prior community involvement advances your campaign dramatically, but it isn't a necessity. Don't be afraid to run an honest campaign. Many people have done things that may be controversial. How many people voted for Clinton because they knew he smoked pot in college?

If you're serious about winning, you have to start **today**. Here are some of the things we learned from the generous men and women who ran for office in '98. I hope this will help you get started on the track to freedom.

- Start now. Get endorsements early in the campaign. Work on them today. Start raising funds before the convention nomination. Research and list the most effective events. Sixty percent of your time should be spent raising money. Every event you attend is a chance to get the names and addresses of potential campaign donors. Take classes in Running Campaigns, Time Management, and Public Speaking.
- Build a good campaign team.
- Find a good treasurer. The dreadful Amendment 15 has many filing requirements. Failing to meet these requirements can cause you serious problems. Keep track of your spending and find a friend whom you can count on to help you.
- Find a professional graphic artist or a friend with artistic talent. Your brochures, signs, and press kits are often the only way a voter will know you. All photos should look professional.
- Your Press packets with bio, picture, real or mock-up brochure, interpretation of the issues and a disk with all the preceding information, should be ready to go by the convention nominations.
- Find a good writer for brochures, surveys and speech writing. I can't stress enough the importance of presenting a professional image. There is nothing that says uneducated like misspelled words and grammar that ain't fittin'.
- Define the issues early and make them part of your campaign. Don't let your opponent define the issues for you, or he will choose his strongest case and you will find yourself in a defensive position.
- Explain what you mean by words such as "Free Market, Prosperity, Safe Streets." Avoid rhetoric. Don't be afraid to use phrases that set you apart from the D's and R's. "Separation of School and State, Ending the War on Drugs, Marijuana Legalization, Open Borders, Ending Welfare, Ending the Income Tax, Repealing laws that Discriminate."
- Find a good media contact person for press releases, newspapers, and news shows to get your name in front of the voters. Develop good media contacts by being polite no matter how reporters treat you. Realize that their job is to sell to ears and eyes, so give them a real story and always look for the photo opportunity. Emphasize contacts on small papers, since they're hungrier for stories. Occasionally large papers will do a follow up on something they found in a local paper.
- Getting interviews can be difficult. Try sending an announcement to the reporter and then show up when you said you would. Don't give up until you get an interview or you're asked to leave.
- Find someone to schedule speaking engagements and radio shows. Now is the time to find out who's hosting political rallies and debates. Get used to calling radio programs and giving your opinions. Get to know the hosts now, and they will invite you to come on the air during your campaign.
- Select a Webmaster for a quality webpage. More than 50% of the homes in America will be on the net by the time you read this. If your position looks interesting, a voter might look you up on the net. If you want to make sure they look at your webpage, try taking pictures of the crowd at events. Ask the crowd if you can put their picture on the net. Give them a sticker that says "I'm on the Net at (your web page)." Make sure the sticker says Libertarian and shows your last name in large letters.

- Set up a priority list and remember: Generation X is ours!
- Register New Voters!

Michele Bethke

State Chair

Libertarian Party of Colorado

E-mail Hot List Moves

New Discussion List Available

by David Aitken

The email-based hot list has a new owner, so the signup procedure has been moved to our website — <http://www.pageplus.com/~lpcolorado>. Now you can subscribe to not one, but two, lists — one for legislative and campaign alerts, and another for discussion of political issues of interest to Libertarians in Colorado.

If you sign up today, we can be as effective as we were with HB1110, our ballot access bill. Since the old list is kaput, subscribers to our old hot list **MUST** renew their subscription through the signup features on our website. Your e-mail address will not be sold or used for any purpose and you may unsubscribe at any time.

The list for legislative and campaign alerts is an announcement list only — messages must go through a board member or the list owner, David Aitken (daitken@tde.com, 303-831-4334). Content should be a call to action — we need to do something right away to defend or promote liberty. Messages announcing work parties or other party activities will also be allowed. Messages sent to the hot list will **NOT** be sent to the discussion list.

The discussion list is unmoderated, allowing any member on the list to send messages to all other members of the group. It provides for discussions of Libertarian political issues. Discussion group messages won't go to the hot list.

If you're a member of either of these lists, it means you won't have to keep a personal list of Libertarians in Colorado, and you'll benefit by automatically being in touch with new Libertarians who join the list. So do it **today!**

Newspaper Monitors Needed

by Tom Goonan

In a post election strategy meeting held by the Libertarian Party of Colorado, members determined that the need for better intelligence about local issues, key meetings, and important news is a critical element for future success.

The party board of directors understands that most libertarians are not particularly interested in gathering signatures, knocking on doors, or attending protest rallies. But we do solicit anyone who would be willing to read the local newspapers with a view to clipping items like those mentioned above for the party.

Here's the proposal: if you volunteer to monitor your local newspaper, we'll buy the subscription for you. This will give you a chance to be fully informed about your local area issues, be helpful in the advancement of liberty, and NOT be involved in our higher profile activism. For more information call Craig Stinson at 303-683-7653, or Tom Goonan at 303-202-9069.

Y2K and You

by Gus Calabrese

The upcoming effects of the Y2K computer bug will start appearing shortly after 1999 gets underway. I think this presents an opportunity for the Libertarian party to present a measured and freedom-based plan for dealing with Y2K. Libertarians can be associated with Y2K as the folks who knew the most about it and who had a working plan to deal with it.

No one knows exactly what the effects of the Y2K bug will be or what their magnitude will be. The problems will be world-wide. Solutions must include everyone.

Psychological: the most significant effects of Y2K may be caused by the state of peoples' minds. Runs on banks, hoarding, power grabs, crime, violence, fear and panic could cause effects way out of proportion to the underlying situation. Advance plan-

ning and information dissemination will reduce this aspect of Y2K. Knowing what might be coming and being comfortable with it will help a lot.

Magnitude: There are over 70 billion (yes, that is 70,000,000,000) computers and embedded computer chips that may be affected by Y2K. It is unknown how many will crash, burn, or deliver false data. Because there are so many, it is impossible to track down and fix all the problems before they happen. Reputable estimates are that Y2K will cause trillions (yes, \$1,000,000,000,000) of economic disruption. CitiBank alone has spent \$350 million on this issue.

Interconnectivity: Because so many systems are interconnected, even a Y2K compliant company or system may fail because those around it cannot cope with Y2K.

Utilities: Water, sewage, gas, electric service may fail for days or weeks.

Transportation: Transportation

systems may fail due to scheduling snafus. Gasoline and diesel availability may be endangered.

Communications: Phone, Internet, and other systems may crash. This will disrupt scheduling, finances and critical services.

Political: This is the scary one. Politicians can and will declare emergencies. A mechanism for declaring a national emergency is already in place. In an emergency, citizens may be told they can't own guns; they cannot drive their cars; they cannot keep the food and water they have stashed. All property may come under the direction of the state. People may be forced to work camps. Programmers may be forced to work on Y2K problems.

The Internet is a great source of information. The time to act is now. Contact media outlets and encourage them to tell the full story. Present a Libertarian plan for dealing with these issues. Get the story out.

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Man and The Free Market

by David Bryant

The Denver Rocky Mountain News ran a letter to the editor on Wednesday, December 9, 1998. The author of that letter, a Mr. McKinney, decried the push toward privatization of the public schools, and argued that it would be a very bad thing indeed to depend on a free market in education. In one particularly cogent paragraph he wrote the following stirring words:

"In free market theory, as applied to education, a good education for children will be a side-effect, or unintended



effect, of the motivation to make money by providing education. This just doesn't seem like it makes good sense. Our goal in education ought to be to provide a good education to all children, regardless of their economic background or location. Common sense says we should approach this directly, rather than have it occur as an unintended side-effect of market competition."

In thinking about this, it occurred to me that the same compelling argument might just as well be applied to the everyday problem of putting bread on the table. Let's see how that works, shall we?

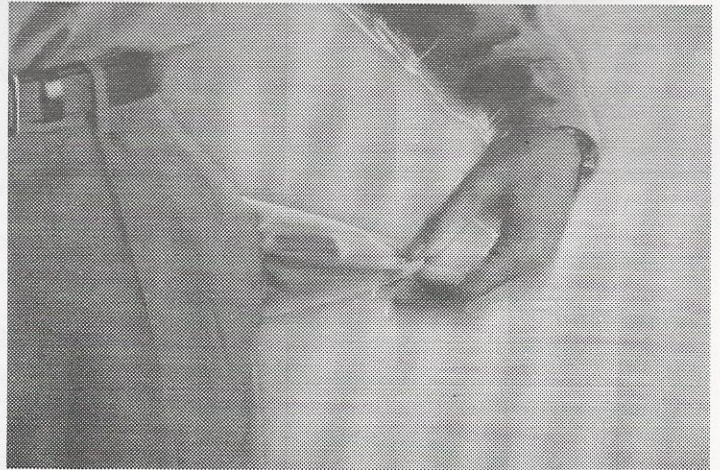
In free-market theory as applied to farming, a good meal for the consumer will be a side-effect, or unintended effect, of the motivation to make money by providing food. This just doesn't seem like it makes good sense. Our goal in farming ought to be to provide a good meal for everyone, regardless of their economic background or location. Common sense says we should approach this directly, rather than have it occur as an unintended side-effect of market competition.

But why stop with breakfast, lunch and dinner? Everyone needs a place to live. What about a house?

In free-market theory as applied to housing, a roof over one's head will be a side-effect, or unintended effect, of the motivation to make money by building and repairing homes. This just doesn't seem like it makes good sense. Our goal in housing ought to be to provide a warm, dry shelter for everyone, regardless of their economic background or location. Common sense says we should approach this directly, rather than have it occur as an unintended side-effect of market competition.

Hell's bells, why should we stop with any single product or service? Let's apply these sterling insights to the whole gamut of products available to American consumers. After all, a good idea doesn't really lose its value by being put into practice on a wider scale. Or does it?

In free-market theory as applied to the necessities of daily living, my very survival will be a side-effect, or unintended effect, of everyone else's motivation to make money by being productive, for I am frankly incapable of growing my own food, building my own house, spinning and weaving my own clothing, and mining, milling and manufacturing all the ultra-modern conveniences I take for granted. This just doesn't seem like it makes good sense. Our goal should be to ensure that people everywhere are hungry, cold,



naked, and miserable, regardless of their economic background or location. Common sense says each of us should supply his own necessities of life directly, rather than having them made available to us as an unintended side-effect of market competition!

Am I missing something? Or is there more to these free markets than meets the eye?

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